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FOUNDATION FOR
UNIVERSAL RESPONSIBILITY
of His Holiness The Dalai Lama

GUIDELINES FOR FUR FELLOWSHIPS FOR ADVANCED DALAI LAMA STUDIES

Short-Term Grants for Academic Research 2024

FUR Fellowships for Advanced Dalai Lama Studies encourage innovative, multidisciplinary, engagement and research into the life, teachings, philosophy, and commitments of His Holiness the XIVth Dalai Lama. The work must transcend hagiography to examine the value of His Holiness' secular vision in addressing contemporary personal & social predicaments. These non-residential fellowships will be for research projects for upto twelve months, starting April 2024.

The Fellowships will explore various themes integral to His Holiness' persona & vision, his secular, political, Buddhist, and personal agendas, among others.

It includes, but is not limited to:

1. Cultivating mutuality, understanding, and harmony between faiths
2. Celebrating diversity
3. Nurturing secular human values
4. Engaging with contemporary science and wisdom of alternate knowledge systems
5. Democratic & human rights of the Tibetan communities
6. Sustaining the Tibetan movement in exile and the preservation of Tibetan heritage Personal Qualities and Philosophical constructs that drive His Holiness' work
7. Reviving India's ancient heritage, especially the Nalanda tradition, the juxtaposition of method & wisdom, and the training of mind
8. Preserving Buddhist wisdom & traditions while expanding their boundaries

The Fellows are expected to bring to their work the highest standards of intellectual and academic rigor.

The Fellowship Program is open to senior scholars, creative practitioners, media professionals, policy experts, individuals; Indians, and Tibetans residing in any part of the world, provided they possess substantial experience in their respective fields.

Applicants may come from varied professional backgrounds including academia (Religious Studies, Education Studies, Philosophy, Psychology, History), social movements, media and the arts.

The Foundation expects to award two fellowships this year. The Fellowships must yield a manuscript of approximately **50,000-75,000 (length of book/thesis) or creative productions** the details of which will be mutually decided upon.

You may also submit proposals for works-in progress that have already received approval from publishing houses.

We expect to publish these as independent monographs or as a book by an established academic publisher for global distribution.

Fellowships will be granted for a period of twelve months.

The twelve-month fellowship will receive a grant for up to 4,00,000.

Modest grants for works-in-progress of exceptional demonstrated credentials, and joint projects may also be considered.

Short-term grants will be commensurate with the duration and aspirations of the project. An extension of two months at a time may be granted if approved by the Research Review Team.

The Research Review Team will assess the quality and potential of the proposals to determine the final number and duration of the Fellowships. The Review Team's decisions regarding the number, duration, and grant amount will be conclusive.

All projects are to be completed by March 2025.

The fellowship amount will be paid in **three installments**. The first installment will be paid at the commencement of the Fellowship period, second installment post the mid review presentation and the final installment will be paid on the submission of all work in a publication-ready format.

The Foundation may publish and use the materials from the Fellowship, in part or in whole, with due acknowledgment in any manner such as on its website, on the net, by way of monographs, or as a collection of writings. The Foundation may also require the Fellows to present their work as part of a public lecture series twice during the course of the Fellowship—Mid-term and at the culmination of the Fellowship.

The intellectual copyright will vest with the Fellows who may use their work in any manner they deem appropriate with the expectation that they will acknowledge the enabling role of the Fellowship and inform the Foundation.

Any royalties or revenues that accrue directly to the Fellows may be retained by them. Should these accrue to the Foundation and exceed Rs. 1,000/- in a financial year, they will be paid to the Fellows.

In the case of **joint projects**, involving more than one research scholar/person, the Foundation will consider **mutually acceptable arrangements**.

A short list based on the applications received would be drawn up and the selected fellows would be expected to work out a more detailed research proposal focusing on all or some of the points mentioned below:

1. Introduction and Relevance of the Study
2. Central Question/s
3. Other work/s that might be similar and how would the proposed work be adding to it or be different?
4. A brief survey of literature on the relevant and related areas and themes
5. Research Method/s to be used and justification for the same
6. The nature and availability of resources that would be used for the research (books, manuscripts, recordings, websites and so on)
7. Milestones to be provided (at the end of three months/at the end of six months and so on)
8. A citation style will be shared and Fellows will be expected to follow the same
9. An anti-plagiarism check will be part of the finalization process of the research project

You may also like to attach a brief carefully written exposition of your background and how it has led you to your present responsibilities, special interests and the present project in particular. It is preferable that this not be a mere listing of personal and professional facts, but what animates your interests and aspirations.

Please note that your data will not be sold to any third party nor be used for any commercial purposes without prior permission or consent.

TO APPLY

Access the **Google Application Form**

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